

**Fidalgo Bay and Cypress Island Aquatic Reserves Open House**  
**May 22, 2003 – Anacortes**  
**6:30p.m. – 8:30**

**MANAGEMENT/LAND USE**

- Oyster collection along near base of trestle – will that be allowed to continue?
- Southeast triangle from trestle showing other ownership. Other maps indicate different ownership boundaries (Jeanne Robinette).
- Fidalgo Bay management plan should be done in consultation with Skagit County, WDFW, Tribes, Skagit Land Trust, and all interested conservation organizations.
- DNR should acquire other ownership in the southern portion of Fidalgo Bay.
- Also, the other ownerships along eastern flanks of Fidalgo Bay should be acquired for protection and the pipeline should be moved away (Homeland Security).
- Desired: Tribal dock should be located just north of reserve in deeper water and outside of eelgrass beds.
- Cypress Island: NRCA – Stan Kurowski (Cypress Reserve Mail List), Friends of Cypress Island (Nick Fahey – sign in), Evergreen Island (Bob Rose), San Juan Preserve Trust – upland easements, Swinomish (Larry Wasserman and Charlie Oharo).
- HA (harbor area) and WW (waterway) should be vacated.
- Mooring buoys at Cypress Island for upland owners.
- How are you going to handle the fixed moorage on eastern side of Cypress Island?
- Kayaks, power boaters, etc., are coming in to Eagle Harbor and coming in to trailheads, which causes recreational impact.
- Fidalgo Bay: Port concerned in the bay – how will it affect land use decisions, even at national level – NOAA, US Fish & Wildlife Service, i.e., resource agency without knowledge of Fidalgo Bay would make assumptions about land use in and around the bay, based on the designation as reserve, even if not explicit decision (i.e., extreme example – mitigation for development would be more than normal if it were not a reserve).
- Port is looking at completing eelgrass mitigation – based on the Fidalgo Bay EIS in the middle of Fidalgo Bay (outside of the reserve area).
- Cypress Island: Un-gate the road – landowners can't get across island except on foot; i.e., nurse couldn't get to dying person across island – fire protection.
- Consider opening roads only with conditions regarding disposal of vehicles, parts, and use.
- Cypress Island: Note Secret Harbor area – ownerships are not correct and you need to check all.